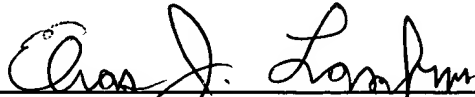


REMARKS

Claims 48-79 have been allowed. Claims 49-72, 75, 79 are amended to replace "subtilase variant" with "modified subtilase", the term recited in claim 48. It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment presents no new issues or new matter. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Elias J. Lambiris", written over a horizontal line.

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